



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Queen's Park – extending existing bus lay-by

Date:	April 17, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
Reference Number:	Ts07116te.top.doc

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting authority to extend the bus lay-by fronting the Royal Ontario Museum on the west side of Queen's Park, south of Bloor Street West.

The expansion of the Royal Ontario Museum will increase charter and school bus activities. The extension of the bus lay-by will provide safer loading conditions for passengers boarding/discharging from school buses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:

1. the widening of the pavement on the west side of Queen's Park, from a point 38 metres south of Bloor Street West to a point 15 metres north thereof, by extending the existing lay-by, generally as shown in the attached print of Drawing No. 421F-8782 dated April, 2007.

Financial Impact

Adoption of the above recommendation will not result in a financial impact to the City, as sidewalk reconstruction is already scheduled to take place in 2007.

COMMENTS

Queen's Park, south of Bloor Street West is a major arterial road operating two-way in a north-south direction, with a pavement width of 20.7 metres. TTC Avenue Road No. 5 bus service operates on Queen's Park.

A lay-by exists on the west side of Queen's Park, at the Royal Ontario Museum which can accommodate approximately 5 buses.

As part of the Royal Ontario Museum rezoning application, a transportation review was undertaken by the applicant's consultant, BA Group Transportation Consultants in cooperation with City staff to identify existing deficiencies and strategies for minimizing the impact of buses along Queen's Park.

Based on a bus passenger loading activity study of existing conditions and projected activities it was recommended the existing bus lay-by on the west side of Queen's Park be expanded to accommodate one additional bus as a key element of the transportation strategy. The lay-by provides buses an opportunity to load and unload passengers off the travelled portion of the roadway, without vehicular traffic having to stop in the curb lane. Even with the extension of the bus lay-by there will still be ample sidewalk width of 3.6 metres to accommodate pedestrians' safely.

There is currently a designated vendor permit space located immediately north of the ROM's main entrance within the layby. In discussion with staff of Municipal Licensing and Standards, this vendor is to be accommodated at the south end of the lay-by area.

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Drawing No. 421F-8782, dated April 2007

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